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REDS SLASH AT INVADERS' FLANKS

5 Words Made Price Control Burning Issue

By Robert Humphreys
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Washington, Sept. 29—Five words laid end to end don't reach very far, but if President Roosevelt had omitted that many words from his Labor Day message to congress, the price control problem probably never would have become a burning issue.

Yet oddly enough, those five words described exactly what is really behind the farm bloc fight in congress.

In his message, Mr. Roosevelt had a sentence which seemed to say that in computing farm prices, such calculations should include all costs of production—"including the cost of labor."

Why did congress seize on those five words? You have to go clear back to the farm to get the answer, and you may be surprised to find out that higher prices for the food on your table was not what the farmer was really after.

The truth of the matter is that there is not a farmer in this country who is not experiencing some difficulty in finding enough farm hands to harvest his crops, and thousands upon thousands of them are actually face to face with critical labor shortages.

They see their sons being drafted into the armed services, or leaving for the big pay offered by defense industries; they try to find replacements and they discover there aren't any.

Everybody is either in the army or headed for the boom cities—that's the picture.

What are the results? A farmer can see that next year is going to be even worse. More guns needed, more men required both to make those guns and to shoulder them.

Supposing farm prices are up? What good are higher prices if a farmer can't harvest his crop?

HOW was this reflected in Congress? About six weeks ago, as the harvest season increased the pinch, congressional mail began to bulge with pleas from farmers:

"My son has been drafted and I will be forced to sell my farm."

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PROSPECT WOMAN DROWNS IN CANAL

Mrs. Ida Grassley, 76, a resident of the Prospect district, drowned late yesterday in the California-Oregon Power company canal. The body was recovered this morning in the pond, or "bay" a few miles below, by a party led by Deputy Sheriff William Grenbemer and Deputy Coroner Carlos Morris.

Mrs. Grassley had been living with her son, A. C. Gottig, near Prospect. Yesterday afternoon she wandered into the woods from her home. It is believed that in some way she became entangled in the fence guarding the canal and fell into the swift moving waters and was carried to her death. There were no eye witnesses.

Members of the party recovering the body, besides the two deputies were Dewey Hill, Ludo Grieve, Tracey Boothby, and Elmer Dawson.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTER

Thelma Jones of Bremerton, Wash., answering the S.O.S. of her sister, Mrs. Lois McKee, and hurrying back to her old home to help pack pears at the Wing orchard.

Dok Elbert Barnum whipping out a friend's fountain pen and scribbling his not to 70 documents in 70 seconds flat.

Del Clifford admitting that he enjoyed a book so much that he's reading it a second time.

COUNTER ATTACKS RAGE OVER FRONT FIFTY MILES LONG

First Light Frost Reported at Stalingrad — Heavy Nazi Losses Are Claimed.

By Henry Shapiro
United Press Correspondent
Moscow, Sept. 29—(U.P.)—Marshal Semyon Timoshenko's counter offensive, backed by swarms of planes and tanks, was blasting the Germans along a 50-mile front between the Don and Volga rivers above Stalingrad today steadily driving them back.

Front-line dispatches said the Russians also were on the west bank of the Don, trying to drive a wedge into German positions there and disrupt reinforcements and supply lines for the Nazis inside Stalingrad.

Boats Smashed
The government organ Izvestia said Soviet batteries had destroyed pontoon and sunk numerous troop-laden boats trying to cross a river.

(This probably was the Don river, which German reinforcements for Stalingrad must cross.)

Red Star, the Soviet army newspaper, reported that it had not rained in three months, but Stalingrad had its first light frost yesterday.

The ground was baked as hard as stone, and a thick white film of dust covered the earth.

Soviet progress above Stalingrad, while steady, was necessarily slow. The enemy held numerous, strongly fortified positions, and it took devastating artillery fire to soften them up so enemy depth defense could be penetrated.

In a two-day battle, the Russians destroyed 42 bunkers and 2,200 Germans on one sector. The Germans fiercely counter-attacked, but could not dislodge the Russians from their new positions.

Soldier Relief Law Enlarged To Extend Debts Moratorium

Washington, Sept. 29—(U.P.)—The house today completed congressional action on a compromise version of a bill to extend the soldiers and sailors relief law to provide relief from obligations incurred at any time prior to induction of the person involved into the armed services.

The original law, passed before Pearl Harbor, gave servicemen a moratorium only on obligations made before October 17, 1940.

Other changes in the existing law provided in the bill include an increase in the amount of private insurance the government will protect. Under this section, the government agrees to guarantee premiums on policies up to \$10,000, double the present figure. Servicemen whose premiums are paid by the government must pay the amounts to the government within two years after the war ends.

Chinese Guerrillas Claim Heavy Toll

Chungking, Sept. 29—(U.P.)—Chinese Guerrillas killed or wounded 70,000 Japanese and 100,000 puppet soldiers during the past year. Guerrilla headquarters announced officially today.

Military circles said Japanese losses in North China usually are at the ratio of two soldiers for each Chinese Guerrilla.

GODDESS TO SCRAP

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 29—(U.P.)—A five-ton statue of the Goddess of "Genius," which adorned the dome of the state capitol for many years, was relegated to the scrap pile today by Gov. Robert Hurley.

MORE COAL NEEDED

Washington, Sept. 29—(U.P.)—Solid Fuels Coordinator Harold L. Ickes, declaring, "we shall lose this war if we don't produce enough coal," today asked representatives of the United Mine Workers union and coal mine operators to abandon the present 35-hour work week in bituminous mines.

To Rule Rents



Walter J. Looker (top), newly appointed director of the rental registry for control in the Jackson county area, has announced the selection of Fred E. Wahl (below), as rent examiner-inspector on the local staff.

RENTAL REGISTRY WAITS ORGANIZING DIRECTOR'S STAFF

Registration of all owners of rented residence property in Jackson county will start immediately upon organization of the staff and facilities of the area office of the OPA, rent division, which will be located in room 405 of the Medford Center building. It was explained today by Walter J. Looker, newly-appointed director of the rental registry for the Jackson county area.

The director-attorney also announced that Fred E. Wahl had been appointed rent examiner-inspector, and that about eight persons would be employed in the local office. Rent control will be invoked effective October 1, and all rents in this area will be frozen at the March 1 rental levels.

Looker, who returned this morning from Portland where he attended a three-day preliminary school, explained that under the OPA rent control order evictions will be restricted and rentals of new residences or residences which were not rented in March will be set by the local area office.

The director-attorney has practiced law in Medford since 1928, and prior to coming here had long experience in banking and other business and was connected for eight years with the Interstate Commerce Commission with headquarters in Washington, D. C., and Chicago, Ill.

Wahl engaged in banking for 25 years, 21 of them in Medford, and for the past two and a half years has been engaged in the real estate business here.

LA GRANDE NORMAL GIVES UP FOOTBALL

La Grande, Ore., Sept. 29—(U.P.)—Because of an inadequate squad and an incomplete schedule, Eastern Oregon College of Education has decided to abandon intercollegiate football. Coach Bob Quinn said today.

Senate in Non-Stop Session Until Anti-Inflation Action

CHURCHILL URGES NO SPECULATION ON SECOND FRONT

Prime Minister Says Discussion Undesirable — Last Madagascar Port Taken.

London, Sept. 29—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill, answering a barrage of questions in the House of Commons today, urged against speculation on the time or place of a future second front offensive, announced the capture of Tulear, last remaining port in southern Madagascar, and parried demands for a statement on why Britain had not bombed Rome.

On the second front he emphasized "the undesirability of public statements or speculation on the time or place of future allied offensive operations."

Such speculation, he said, was undesirable even if it was based on inference and not on inside information.

How About Wilkie?
"Will that be conveyed to Mr. Wilkie?" shouted someone from the floor.

(In Moscow, Wendell L. Wilkie said he favored a second front if military leaders thought one practicable.)

Peter MacDonald, conservative, had asked Churchill whether "in view of the fact that the period of offensive operations by the United Nations is now approaching," and secrecy was important, he would impress the need for secrecy on all persons.

Women's Home Army To Be Mobilized For Help In Scrap Drive

Washington, Sept. 29—(U.P.)—The war production board today named nine business women to direct a two-month mobilization of a "Women's Home Army" to reinforce the national scrap salvage campaign.

WPB officials expressed the hope that this program would increase the number of local salvage committees from the 14,000 which now exist to 25,000 by Christmas.

"We do not desire to establish a new organization, but to utilize the woman power of the country in the existing one," Lessing J. Rosenwald, director of WPB's conservation division, said to the women as they left Washington after a brief period of training. "Your job will be to make suggestions to the chairman of the appropriate salvage committee as to action he might take."

Locksmith Gives Over Ton of Keys

New York, Sept. 29—(U.P.)—The salvage drive to collect 100,000,000 keys for the nickel silver they contain received its biggest boost to date today when Charles Courtney contributed a collection of 25,000 keys. He is a locksmith and for years his hobby has been the collection of keys.

The salvaged metal will go to the navy. Courtney's collection weighed more than a ton.

BILLIONS MORE ASKED FOR NAVAL AIR POWER

Washington, Sept. 29—(U.P.)—Congress today received a presidential request for a supplemental navy appropriation of \$2,862,000,000 for the construction of airplanes.

The budget bureau, in a letter accompanying Mr. Roosevelt's request, said the additional planes were necessary "for the prosecution of the war."

LABOR DRAFT IS AUTHORIZED IN HOUSE MEASURE

Tennessee Democrat Offers Bill Giving F. D. R. Power to Mobilize Workers.

Washington, Sept. 29—(U.P.)—Rep. J. Percy Priest, D., Tenn., today introduced legislation which would authorize the President to order men and women to serve in jobs where they would be most useful in prosecution of the war.

Priest's bill was similar to one introduced in the senate by Sen. Lister Hill, D., Ala. It would authorize President Roosevelt "to provide for total mobilization of all the material resources, industrial and other productive organizations, and services of its (the nation's) citizens."

Time To Act
Chairman Paul V. McNutt of the war manpower commission told the house agriculture committee yesterday that the administration would make "certain recommendations" to congress in the near future on a universal service act. Priest's bill was not sponsored by the administration.

"I just felt that it was time something was done," Priest said. "There's been too much talk and not enough action."

Meantime Chairman Hampton P. Fulmer, D., S. C., announced that the house agriculture committee would not wait for administration recommendations but would proceed at once to write a bill dealing with the farm labor shortage. He made the announcement after McNutt had testified.

RUBBER BOOTS IN FREEZING ORDER

Washington, Sept. 29—(U.P.)—The office of price administration today froze all stocks of six types of men's rubber boots and rubber work shoes, effective at midnight tonight and announced that certificate rationing of these products will begin next Monday.

CAGNEY NEW PRESIDENT SCREEN ACTORS' GUILD

Hollywood, Sept. 29—(U.P.)—James Cagney was elected president of the Screen Actors' Guild today, succeeding Edward Arnold.

Other officers installed in the yearly election of the actors' organization included George Murphy, Paul Harvey and Walter Abel, vice presidents; Mrs. Lucille Gleason, recording secretary, and Porter Hall, treasurer.

ASKS FEEDING CENTERS

Washington, Sept. 29—(U.P.)—Mary Anderson, chief of the women's bureau of the labor department, today called for establishment of community feeding centers in defense areas where women with children are working in war plants.

Mrs. Hoey, P.-T. A. Leader Sees Need of Curfew Law

Mrs. James K. Hoey, vice-president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers and a resident of this city, said today regarding the proposed curfew ordinance that "if supported wholeheartedly by both parents and officers, the curfew would be bound to prevent many unfortunate results of this war situation."

Active in county and city



DEATH TO ZEROS—This crew, manning a U. S. B-26 medium bomber, was in the thick of recent air battle with Japs over Buna, New Guinea. During the raid 24 Zero fighters were shot down or destroyed. When bomb release jammed, "eggs" were dropped by hand.

Metal Scrap Needed to Meet Production For War, Says Major

Headquarters, Camp White—(Spl.)—"We are facing a crisis in our war production program. Unless we salvage enough metal scrap—scrap iron and steel—we are not going to meet our production quotas, and our men and our allies are not going to get the materials they need—in time. The situation is serious. Let us not once again be—too little—too late."

This is the ABC of the metal scrap drive now being conducted in Jackson county by the Army officials of Camp White, Major Lyman V. Williamson, Camp White salvage officer in charge of the scrap drive, revealed today in an interview.

"We must have the scrap," he said, "and we must have it now. That is the reason the Army has stepped in to cooperate with other governmental agencies in the scrap collection drive."

Major Williamson also told of the type of scrap which is most urgently needed at the present time and what war materials such scrap would produce for our fighting men.

"We need old stoves, radiators, plumbing, tools, iron beds, bed ends, cooking utensils, rods, batteries, tires chains, furnace grates, pipes of all kinds, lighting fixtures, all types of unused farm machinery," he said. "In fact, we need anything metal with the exception of galvanized products."

"All these things," he went on, "will help make shells, guns, ships, tanks, armored cars, submarines and all machines and arms of war. Give your scrap now—and give it quickly. Just get to your telephone and call the Camp White salvage officer, phone 5221, extension 18, or G. Fowler, county agricultural agent in the courthouse 3453." Major Williamson concluded.

POPE PRAYS FOR PEACE

Madrid, Sept. 29—(U.P.)—Myron C. Taylor, President Roosevelt's emissary to the Vatican, said today that Pope Pius is dedicating daily prayers for the return of peace. Taylor arrived here yesterday by plane from Rome.

FIRST LADY ARRIVES AT LONG BEACH, CAL.

Long Beach, Cal., Sept. 29—(U.P.)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the president, arrived from Phoenix, Ariz., by plane today and departed immediately for San Diego, Cal., to see "my sick son," but did not say which son.

Mrs. Roosevelt said she would stay a few days in San Diego and then go to Seattle, Wash.

BLACKOUT

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 29—(U.P.)—Presence of unidentified aircraft which later proved friendly last night resulted in a three-hour blackout on the lower British Columbia mainland, including Vancouver.

NATION IMPATIENT BARKLEY INFORMS ROWING MEMBERS

"Pistol-at-Head" Charge is Answered by Democratic Leader—Test is Seen.

Washington, Sept. 29—(U.P.)—The senate today tentatively adopted 48 to 43, a farm bloc amendment to the anti-inflation bill directing President Roosevelt to include all farm labor costs in computing parity before fixing price ceilings on agricultural commodities.

Washington, Sept. 29—(U.P.)—Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky told the senate today the country is "impatient for action" on the farm price controversy and served notice that there would be no adjournment tonight until the anti-inflation bill is passed.

Referring to complaints that President Roosevelt had "held a pistol at the head of congress" by demanding action by October 1 under threat of curbing prices by presidential order, Barkley told the senate that the chief executive called attention to the need for legislation action on April 27, long before his Labor day message.

In Seventh Day
Opening the seventh day of senate debate on the bill, Barkley said he wanted action not only on the farm bloc amendment sponsored by Sen. Elmer Thomas, D., Okla., but on the bill as well. The Thomas amendment would require all farm labor costs to be included in the computation of parity prices on farm products.

Barkley said he wanted his colleagues to know that it was his intention that the senate "remain in session today until we have concluded not only the amendment, but the bill."

"I feel that the country is not only impatient for action on this controversy," he said, "but I feel that the senate and the whole legislative process are undergoing a test which I hope will vindicate the legislative process."

As Barkley spoke, word reportedly was passed out among farm bloc members to limit or avoid speeches so that an early vote might be taken on the pending Thomas amendment.

1,118 REGISTERED AT HIGH SCHOOLS

Second day registration at senior and junior high schools was 559 each, according to the city school superintendent's office today. Last year senior high school had a second day enrollment of 628 and junior high school of 600. Indications were today that many students are working in the fruit and that enrollment in several weeks will possibly be more than last year.

The elementary enrollment after two weeks of school was 1204 students last year or an increase of about seven per cent.

Total enrollment for the Medford public schools to date is 2354 as compared to 2332 last year, the city school superintendent's office stated.

Nazis Keep Check On Paper Hanging

London, Sept. 28—(U.P.)—The Netherlands press has reported that no Dutchman may start a new paper-hanging business—Fuehrer Adolf Hitler's one-time profession—without first obtaining a permit from German occupation authorities, the Netherlands news agency Ansa said today.